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NOVEMBER 4, 1974

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

TO: JERRY BREMER/DAVE GOMPERT
FROM: BUD MCFARLANE
SUBJECT: RECENT PRESIDENTIAL DECISIONS

IT MAY BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT HAND
DURING YOUR MIDDLE EAST TRAVEL.

1. ON NOVEMBER 2 THE PRESIDENT SIGNED DETERMINATIONS MAKING
POSSIBLE PL 480 SALES OF WHEAT TO EGYPT (200,000 TONS) AND
WHEAT AND RICE TO SYRIA (75,000 AND 25,000 TONS RESPECTIVELY).
TEAM IS DEPARTING ON SCHEDULE TO AMEND EXISTING AGREEMENT IN
EGYPT AND NEGOTIATE NEW AGREEMENT IN DAMASCUS. SECRETARY BUTZ
IS EXPECTED TO SIGN AMENDMENT IN CAIRO ON NOVEMBER 11.

2. PRESIDENT HAS ALSO SIGNED DETERMINATION MAKING AVAILABLE \$5
MILLION TO ALLOW VOLUNTARY AGENCY OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE ON BEHALF
OF SOVIET REFUGEES WHO CHOOSE NOT TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL. MORE FUNDS
MAY BE NEEDED FOR THIS PURPOSE AFTER APRIL 1975. DEPARTMENT OF
STATE HAS ALSO BEEN DIRECTED TO PLAN ON REIMBURSING THIS AMOUNT
FROM THE \$40 MILLION WHICH CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO APPROPRIATE
FOR SOVIET REFUGEES IN ISRAEL AND ELSEWHERE. REIMBURSEMENT
WILL RESTORE PRESIDENT'S LIMITED AUTHORITY (\$10 MILLION) TO MEET
OTHER OR UNFORESEEN REFUGEE NEEDS IN FY 75. STATE WILL REPORT
BACK IF THERE IS STRONG CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO SPENDING
SIGNIFICANT PART OF \$40 MILLION OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL.

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